

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Inter-Island Ferry Authority****Federal Tax ID: 92-0165708****Project Title:****Project Type: Maintenance and Repairs**

Inter-Island Ferry Authority - Development Assistance

State Funding Requested: \$750,000**House District: Southeast Region (1-5)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

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Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$750,000***There is no other funding needed***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

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\$155,300 - Retire Debt

\$119,000 - Drydock Expenditures

\$37,000 - Vessel Maintenance

The IFA is a coalition of six communities from southern Southeast Alaska formed to meet marine transportation needs. It is a port authority under AS 29.35.600, the Port Authority Act for the State of Alaska. By law, the IFA is a municipal corporation and subdivision of the State and is eligible for general fund assistance from the State of Alaska.

The IFA serves a population of 30,000 full-time residents and provides service to the Prince of Wales Island, and Ketchikan. The IFA operates 2 state-of-the-art ferries that carry 30 vehicles, nearly 200 passengers and operate with a 5 man crew. The MV Prince of Wales (MV POW) has operated between Hollis and Ketchikan every day for the past eight years and over this period has averaged 55,000 passengers and 15,000 vehicles annually. The vessel generates \$3 million in revenues annually and covers vessel operations and shore side costs for the system.

The communities served and the IFA Board of Directors are requesting development assistance from the state of \$750,000. The IFA needs this assistance in order to operate at a level that necessary to build a stable, reliable service that can be independently sustained.

The IFA is also applying for a Federal Transit Administration grant for annual operational assistance. As a political subdivision of the State, and a public transportation provider, Federal funds must be matched by the state.

**\$750,000
Approved**

Project Timeline:

FY 2011

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Inter-Island Ferry Authority

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Name: Bruce Jones
Address: PO Box 495
Craig, AK 99921
Phone Number: (907)826-4848
Email: bjones@interislandferry.com

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Southeast Conference

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR THE INTER-ISLAND FERRY AUTHORITY, THROUGH THE STATE OF ALASKA'S OPERATING BUDGET.

Resolution No.10-03

WHEREAS, the Inter-Island Ferry Authority is a municipal corporation established under the Alaska Municipal Port Authority Act, and,

WHEREAS, the Inter-Island Ferry Authority provides public marine transportation to the communities of Prince of Wales Island, and,

WHEREAS, all public transportation requires a level of public support to offset operating costs, and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Southeast Conference supports the establishment of annual operating assistance for the Inter-Island Ferry Authority, through the State of Alaska's Operating Budget.

ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS OF SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2009:

Witnessed by:

Attested by:



Maxine Thompson - President



Shelly Wright - Executive Director

**Klawock Cooperative Association, Tribe**

810 Bayview Blvd.
P.O. Box 430
Klawock, Alaska 99925

Phone: 907-755-2265
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Tribal Transportation Department**KCA-TTD****Resolution 10-03**

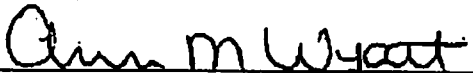
- TITLE:** A resolution supporting the establishment of annual operating assistance funding for the Inter-Island Ferry Authority, through the State of Alaska's Operating Budget
- WHEREAS:** The Klawock Cooperative Association, Tribe (hereafter "Tribe") is a duly constituted Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the authority of Section 16 of the Act of Congress of 18 June 1934 (48 Stat. 984), amended 1 May 1936 (49 Stat. 1250), and
- WHEREAS:** The Klawock Cooperative Association Tribal Council is a duly elected governing body of the Tribe, authorized to act by and behalf of its Tribal members, and
- WHEREAS:** The Tribe agrees the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (hereafter "IFA") is a municipal corporation established under the Alaska Municipal Port Authority Act, and
- WHEREAS:** The Tribe also agrees that the "IFA" provides safe, reliable public marine transportation to the students, residents, federally recognized Tribes, visitors, and communities of Prince of Wales Island, and
- WHEREAS:** The Tribe in addition agrees that that all public transportation requires public support to offset operating costs- as well as provide sustainability, and
- NOW Therefore Be It Resolved,** which the Klawock Cooperative Association Tribal Council accepts & supports the establishment of annual operating assistance for the Inter-Island Ferry Authority, through the State of Alaska's Operating Budget.

Certification

This resolution was duly adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting this 16th day of October, 2009, by a quorum vote of:

6 Yes 0 No Abstain


A. Webster Demmert, III – Tribal President


Ann M. Wyatt – Tribal Secretary

CITY OF THORNE BAY
RESOLUTION 09-11-03-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY,
ALASKA, SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL OPERATING
ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR THE INTER-ISLAND FERRY AUTHORITY,
THROUGH THE STATE OF ALASKA'S OPERATING BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City Council is the governing body for the City of Thorne Bay, Alaska;
and

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the Alaska Municipal Port Authority Act; and

WHEREAS, the Inter-Island Ferry Authority provides public marine transportation to the
communities of Prince of Wales Island; and

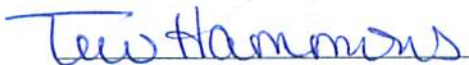
WHEREAS, all public transportation requires a level of public support to offset operating
costs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Thorne
Bay, Alaska, supports the establishment of annual operating assistance for the Inter-
Island Ferry Authority, through the State of Alaska's Operating Budget.

PASSED AND APPROVED: November 3, 2009


James Gould, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teri Hammons, City Clerk



CITY OF PETERSBURG
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CITY OF PETERSBURG, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #1913

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANNUAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE FUNDING FOR THE INTER-ISLAND FERRY AUTHORITY THROUGH THE STATE OF ALASKA'S OPERATING BUDGET

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WHEREAS, the Inter-Island Ferry Authority provides public marine transportation to the communities of Prince of Wales Island, and

WHEREAS, all public transportation requires a level of public support to offset operating costs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council for the City of Petersburg supports the establishment of annual operating assistance for the Inter-Island Ferry Authority through the State of Alaska's Operating Budget.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg City Council on December 21, 2009.

ATTEST


Kathy O'Rear, City Clerk


Al Dwyer, Mayor

Mission:

To enhance the quality of
life for all we serve

Vision:

Honor our heritage and be
the pride of the community

Values:

Integrity
Compassion and Caring
Trust
Transparency
Loyalty
Honoring our Heritage
Quality
Fiscal Responsibility

January 29, 2009

Senator Bert Stedman
Alaska State Capitol
Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: Continuation of the Alaska Inter-Island Ferry
Northern Service

Dear Senator Stedman,

This letter is to express strong support for the Alaska Inter-Island Ferry to continue to provide essential service to our community. The ferry service that the Inter-Island Ferry currently provides is critical for the continued access and economic well being of Wrangell as well as that of this entire region of Southeast Alaska.

The Inter-Island ferry meets crucial needs that would be difficult and more expensive to meet with any other type of transportation. Using the Inter-Island ferry system would allow us to transport our children safely between several communities for school-related activities and gives the citizens on Prince of Wales Island a way to travel to Wrangell or Petersburg for any of their physical or medical needs.

We respectfully request the support of funding needed to continue to provide this service to Wrangell, Petersburg and the surrounding areas.

Sincerely,



Noel D. Rea, CEO
Wrangell Medical Center

*Caring for
Southeast*



Klawock City School District

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Richard E. Carlson
Superintendent

James Holien
K -12 Principal

July 16, 2008

Governor Sarah Palin
Office of the Governor, State of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

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Dear Governor Palin,

The Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA) operates a year-round ferry service between the communities of Prince of Wales Island and Ketchikan. This service is vital to the economic, social and medical needs of the people of Prince of Wales Island. The IFA provides the only economically feasible link of transportation for many of our residents. While transportation is provided via floatplane service, the cost of flying is simply beyond the means of many on POW. Now the future of the IFA is in jeopardy. Ever increasing fuel costs have depleted the IFA's cash reserves and put its future in question.

The IFA has a Legislative grant for the current fiscal year of \$500,000; but it appears that amount will be insufficient to sustain the IFA as they examine how to restructure. They are requesting an additional \$1 million in emergency funds to make it through this fiscal year. As a superintendent of schools, I strongly support their request. At a time when the Southeast is being buffeted by the changes brought about from slowdowns in the timber and fishing industries, the IFA is critical to the economic future of POW. The IFA is also critical as a means of transportation to our school district.

If the IFA cannot continue to provide service, the result will be business closures, future job losses, and families moving away. The communities and school districts of POW Island have already experienced significant loss of population and the loss of the IFA would further add to this decline.

Thank you for your time and please consider the request of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority.

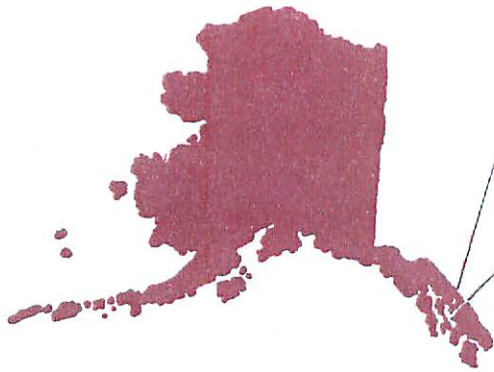
Sincerely,



Richard E. Carlson

CC: Senator Albert M. Kookesh, Senator Bert K. Stedman, Representative Kyle Johansen,
Representative Peggy Wilson, Representative Bill Thomas, Jr., Donald Gibbons.

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January 27, 2009

Honorable Senator Burt Stedman
State Capitol Building
Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Stedman:

This legislative session is going to be very important to the communities of Wrangell, Petersburg and Prince of Wales Island. The decisions by the legislature on behalf of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority will decide the fate of the Northern run between Coffman Cove, Wrangell and Petersburg.

Please support a continuing a subsidy that will provide funding for the Northern route to enable it to run three days a week, year round and for funding to help with fuel and other operating costs to assist the IFA with maintaining fares without high fuel surcharges.

Wrangell Public Schools relies on the IFA to provide transportation for our staff and students to other Southeast communities. In these times of uncertain budgets, it is important to maintain an inexpensive means of travel for the school as well as for members of the community.

Thank you for your continued support of the communities of Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Larry "Woody" Wilson
Superintendent

LW: kp

Cc: Bruce R. Jones, CPM; IFA General Manager



Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce

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December 31, 2008

Senator Bert Stedman
State Capitol, Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce represents 178 members from Southern Southeast Alaska, mostly from the 12 communities on or near Prince of Wales Island.

One of the most beneficial improvements for our communities during the past 7 years has been the Inter-Island Ferry Authority, which has brought us the stability of daily transportation to and from the island by way of Ketchikan. This has led to increased traffic, which has increased the economic opportunity of many of our businesses. For some of our businesses that has meant survival during the years since the Logging industry was dealt a blow from federal policy changes in the Tongass National Forest.

The Chamber knows that the same kind of link to the northern communities of Wrangell and Petersburg, on a dependable schedule, would further increase that economic opportunity, especially for the northern communities of Prince of Wales Island. The northern route would open another avenue for the transportation of goods and services. It would also afford a safer and more economical method of travel for student activities throughout the year. This would lead to broader community and parental support for all these activities as more people could travel to cheer on the youth involved in all of these activities.

The IFA needs the continuing subsidy that will provide funding for the northern route to enable it to run three days a week, year round.

We ask that you support the efforts of the IFA when it is time to allocate revenues. Those revenues will be the seed for a healthier economy in southern southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Janice Bush
Chamber President

Please contact any member of the Board of Directors:
Jan Bush, President, 755-2375; John Bruns, Past President, 755-2231
Paul Crawford, Vice-President, 755-2231; Kim Swainson, Treasurer, 826-2567,
Janice Lund, Secretary, 755-2287, John Moots, Director, 826-3206;
Budd Burnett, Director, 530-7033, Lynnette Logan, Director, 826-3254
Jim Gould, Director, 828-3368



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December 10, 2008

The Right Honorable Senator Bert Stedman
State Capitol
Mailstop 3100
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Senator Stedman,

The City of Thorne Bay strongly supports the Inter-Island Ferry Authority's efforts to keep Prince of Wales Island connected to other communities in Southeast Alaska.

Travel to and from Prince of Wales Island is difficult, especially in the winter months. The City of Thorne Bay utilizes the IFA throughout the year; for employee travel to various trainings, seminars, and conferences; and to transport necessary vendors, contractors, and officials, to our community. The IFA provides an important and necessary link to Prince of Wales Island and its resident communities, Coffman Cove, Thorne Bay, Naukati, Whale Pass, Kasaan, Klawock, Craig, Hydaburg, Hollis, and Point Baker.

The IFA has been severely affected by the high cost of fuel, as well as the residents of Prince of Wales Island. IFA provides, a vital link for the people of Prince of Wales Island. The State Of Alaska's Legislative support is crucial to the continuing operation of the Inter-Island Ferry Authority.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Jon D Erickson, EdD.
City Administrator
City of Thorne Bay



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James Gould
Mayor
City of Thorne Bay



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February 21, 2008

To: Senator Bert Stedman
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Representative Peggy Wilson
FAX: 465-3175

Cc: Jim Heumann, DOT
Bruce Jones, Director, IFA

jim.heumann@alaska.gov
bjones@interislandferry.com

Re: Transportation Alternatives During Airport Construction Project

I am sure that you are both aware of DOT's Petersburg Airport Runway Safety Area Project that is planned and budgeted to be performed this fall. To facilitate this safety project, the airport will need to be closed to all air traffic for a two to four week period. Needless to point out, this project and its short term impacts to local transportation into and out of Petersburg during its progress are vitally important issues to the City.

DOT has indicated that Petersburg air passengers will be re-routed to the Wrangell Airport via bus and ferry link between the Alaska Airlines terminals in Petersburg and Wrangell. This service will be provided twice per day so that Petersburg passengers can access both the north and south bound AK Airlines flights. We are assuming that the costs to re-route these passengers will be covered by DOT as part of the project expense. DOT has indicated in an email to the City that the ferry portion of this transfer service will be provided by the Inter-Island Ferry Authority. However, contact with the Director of IFA indicates a firm agreement for the ferry service has yet to be reached. Also, the City is not yet aware of the road transportation provider that DOT plans to retain to bus the air passengers approximately 20 miles to the South Mitkof ferry terminal and also provide shuttle service between the ferry terminal and airport in Wrangell. The City will be requesting additional detail regarding this service from DOT as well as some assurances that this service will be established well in advance of the project startup.

We understand that DOT has just recently finalized and released the Environmental Assessment for this project and are still working on the details of the project. We believe that DOT will keep the City readily informed on the alternate transportation issue, but we would like for your staff members to also keep tabs on DOT's plans. The City of Petersburg must be assured that our residents will have an alternative means of transportation during this project.

Thank you.

Al Dwyer, Mayor
City of Petersburg



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Dear Governor Palin,

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I am writing to urge your support for supplemental state funding for the Inter-Island Ferry Authority (IFA). I come with this request wearing two hats, one as the Mayor of the City of Craig, a founding member and participating community in the IFA Port Authority, and the second as the Chairman of the IFA Board of Directors.

The IFA Board and staff took great pains when developing the 08 operating budget. They cut service and used last years highest fuel price plus 30% to arrive at a number that was balanced and made since. Well, the rest is history, the energy crises sent fuel prices in to the stratosphere and made a shambles of the budget.

It is important to know when considering this request that IFA was developed after the Alaska Marine Highway Service could no longer provide the level of service necessary to meet the needs of Prince of Wales Island residents. IFA stepped up to the cause and took over this route that was costing the state well over two million dollars above the revenues it produced, IFA as well provided marine transportation routes to the communities of Coffman Cove, Wrangell and Petersburg.

Although IFA has received state assistance from time to time the state is still several million dollars ahead in the deal. Bottom line, this request is an investment in savings for the State of Alaska and an investment in the future well being of Southern Southeast Island communities.

Thank you,

Dennis Watson
Mayor
City of Craig

Cc

Senator Albert Kookesh
Senator Bert Stedman
Representative Bill Thomas, Jr.
Representative Peggy Wilson
Representative Kyle Johansen

Petersburg City Schools

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Dr. Gary Jacobsen
Superintendent

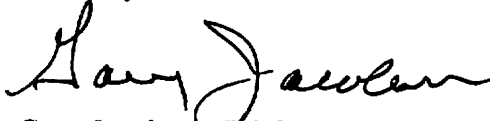
Mr. Tom Briggs
General Manager
Inter-Island Ferry Authority
P.O. Box 495
Craig, AK 99921

Dear Mr. Briggs:

The IFA could provide a valuable service to the students of Petersburg City School District through the year-round scheduling of the Inter-Island Ferry System. The Inter-Island Ferry could reduce our costs and time away from school by providing efficient transportation to Wrangell, Prince of Wales Island, and other points South of Petersburg. There are times when we send as many as 50 to 70 students to activities in Wrangell and other schools on Prince of Wales Island. Currently we have to utilize the services of charter jet boats with limited capacity and Alaska Airlines, which is very expensive.

The Petersburg City School District urges you to look at ways to provide year-round ferry service to Petersburg, Wrangell and other points South.

Sincerely,



Gary Jacobsen, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Petersburg City School District



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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February 25, 2007

Dear Inter-Island Ferry Authority,

I am writing in support of the M/V Stikine being able to maintain a flexible schedule for the upcoming winter months ('08). Flexibility in this case is to the benefit of the school district, as it would allow our students the opportunity to travel out of Coffman Cove to their scheduled activities without the (weather) risks involved in traveling commercial via Alaska Air. Reduced travel time, reduced costs, and less time away from their classes/family seem to make this request quite amiable.

However, when you combine the fact that more and more people desire travel on the Stikine it appears that by considering additional flexibility throughout the winter months would only heighten customer usage/satisfaction for all the surrounding communities.

I am aware of the Stikine sailing in the absence of the Prince of Wales, and support such a schedule. I am not aware of next year's needs. If the Stikine has a similar schedule to replace another ferry while it is under repairs this request may be void without additional conversation. If the Stikine is scheduled to sit vacant, this request should be considered as a top priority, as the need is real and could benefit the entire population of the surrounding area.

I appreciate your consideration in the above listed request and will make myself available to discuss it at length should you desire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Nygaard".

Jim Nygaard
Superintendent of Schools
Southeast Island School District

Inter Island Ferry Authority
P.O. Box 495
Craig, AK 99921

March 1, 2007

To whom it may concern,

Our class here in Thorne Bay was fortunate enough to take the Stikine to Wrangell this past fall. Our trip was timed primarily because the IFA isn't running the northern route after September. Although I understand the financial implications of this, we would like to encourage the IFA to have the north-end ferry run once or twice a month during the winter. We take field trips as often as funding will permit and would very much like to return to Wrangell or go to Petersburg. I also have heard, on a personal note, that many people found that flights on Alaska Airlines were sometimes cheaper out of Wrangell or Petersburg. This would be beneficial to my family and me as well.

For our school, the sports teams would also enjoy being able to travel from Coffman Cove, as it is a shorter route for us as well during our volleyball and basketball seasons. Please consider operating the north-end ferry a couple of times a month. My class, my school and my family would use it!

Sincerely,



Kerrie Carl
Teacher
Thorne Bay School



Craig High School

Ronald Erickson Superintendent

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Doug Rhodes, Principal

March 13th, 2007

Dear IFA Board Members:

I am currently a board member for the Region V (Southeast Alaska) Alaska School Activities Association, am a past member of the state ASAA board, and served as the Vice President for 5 years of that organization. In addition, I have been the principal of Craig High School for the past 10 years, and am concerned with the travel costs and safety facing our kids each year in regards to sports and activities.

I am writing this letter to you to try and convince the Inter Island Ferry Authority Board of Directors to continue running the M/V Stikine on the northern route from Coffman Cove to Wrangell and Petersburg throughout the winter months. I understand that the costs of operating this vessel in the winter may not be cost effective at all times, but would like to offer some suggestions.

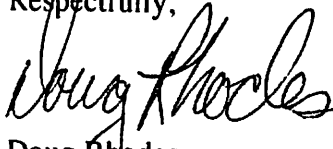
First, I would like to see the northern route have a Friday trip between Coffman Cove- Wrangell- Petersburg and a Sunday trip between Coffman Cove- Wrangell- Petersburg every other weekend throughout the school year. If you were to look at past passenger manifests, I think you would find that the biggest loads of passengers on the northern route took place because of high school and middle school activities- and the ferry barely ran during the school year! If the ferry were to run throughout the year, you would see an increased passenger manifest from not only athletes, but from parents and fans and their vehicles from all of the different schools. To me it is a win-win situation.

Our board meets 3 times a year (September, January and April) to discuss issues facing our region, as well as to schedule sport seasons, games and tournaments. If we could be assured that the IFA would run the northern route two weekends a month throughout the school year, we would try and schedule our contests around the IFA schedule.

I have been attending teleconferences and meetings about the Inter-Island Ferry Authority off and on for many years. I am a big proponent of this group, and believe that school activity travel was one of the big reasons that there was so much support for this northern route. I have parents and fans that would love to see their kids and teams participate, and cost prohibits that at this time without the ferry. In addition, because of budget restraints, we have been forced to use smaller vessels to transport our kids from Coffman Cove, and this limits the space available as well as the weather conditions that they can travel in. Continuing this ferry run throughout the school year would solve so many of these problems!

In summary, I urge you to set a winter schedule for the Stikine out of Coffman Cove during the school year so that schools can use this important transportation source. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Rhodes".

Doug Rhodes
Region V Athletic Director Board Member
Principal, Craig High School



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Dennis Watson, Chairman
Inter-Island Ferry Authority
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Craig, AK 99921

Dear Dennis:

The City of Coffman Cove would like to request the Board of Directors consider running the northend ferry, Stikine, two weekends a month during the winter. We feel the added service will benefit the island residents including students traveling for sporting events. The ferry is a much safer mode of transportation than the jet boat currently being used by the four school districts.

There is an opportunity for freight service for the immerging shellfish industry on the island. The summer of 2006 showed there was a fair amount of local travel between Coffman Cove and Wrangell/Petersburg. The communities have close ties and the ferry provided a reasonable means of transportation so there was a lot of travel between the residents.

If the schedule was published we feel many residents would take advantage of the ferry for connecting with Alaska Airlines instead of going to Ketchikan and having to spend the night in the winter.

We understand scheduling a crew would be a challenge and you have to work out of the fare box, but remember when it was first proposed to build our own "shuttle" ferry we were laughed at. Identifying potential and making it work is what created the IFA.

Sincerely,

Mikael Ashe
Mayor

Canoe Lagoon Oyster Co.
P.O. Box 18062
Coffman Cove, AK 99918
Tele. 254-0786

February 25, 2007

Inter-Island Ferry
Board of Managers
Prince of Wales Island

Dear Board Member:

I am excited to learn that you are now considering a winter schedule for the northern route. I have always felt this would be necessary as a means to develop ridership. Transportation is an important factor in the growth of both population and business on P.O.W. Island. A year-around reliable service to Wrangell will allow these connections to develop, and increase as the island population grows.

Our business is totally dependent on off island markets, especially to the lower "48". A weekly schedule would benefit us the most. You might consider this schedule.

Summer - Friday through Tuesday

Winter - Monday and Tuesday

I am looking forward to the day I can use the IFA for my business transportation needs.

Sincerely, .



Don Nicholson
Owner, Canoe Lagoon

March 13th, 2007

Inter Island Ferry Authority
Box 495
Craig, AK 99921
Attn: Tom Briggs

Dear Tom,

My name is Jim Holien and I'm the Principal / AD at Hydaburg Schools. I have recently heard talk concerning the IFA's north route. This past year we've would have utilized its service different times. We (and all island schools) travel north throughout the school year to various region events. If we were able to leave from Coffman Cove and go north from there, it would save us both time and money. We can schedule our games and events around a planned schedule and it would be a big help for our school. We, like all schools, fight to save money and reduce time away from school for our students. Having access to the north route IFA would help us in both aspects. I realize that daily service is not a feasible option for that ferry to run, but if it could run once a week or once every two weeks, it would help us. Not only does it save money and reduce time, but we've had students traveling on smaller boats to and from Wrangell/Petersburg and safety is an issue. Your larger vessel would increase safety and comfort for all those trying to travel to those events. Another issue we've had in the past is seating availability. We've had interested parents/fans that wanted to travel with, but were not able to because of no space available.

I appreciate your consideration of setting and keeping a winter schedule for the north route IFA. It would really help each school district in the whole region as others coming to POW would benefit as well. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jim Holien
Principal – Hydaburg Schools